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THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 4:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Tuesday, November 5:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, November 6:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Thursday, November 7:

12:05 p.m. Susan Hale (living)

Friday, November 8:

12:05 p.m. Cecile G. Dunn

Saturday, November 9:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Paul Am Mai, Fred & Joy White, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Peter Uy Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Mable Titmus, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Van Mol Family (living & deceased), Mary Ferguson Roy, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Merle Vahlkamp, Richard Sayer, Fr. Joseph Hasibier

Sunday, November 10: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Louis Joseph, Paul Am Mai, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Todd Mizell, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Joe Betty Sterkx, Rose Marie Francis, R. Thomas (living), Jared & Marisa Price & Family (living & deceased), Richard Sayer, Fr. Joseph Hasibier

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. Elizabeth McCampbell Hunt

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Georgia M. Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 13,744.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 4,244.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Fr. Joseph Hasibier

UPDATE ON WATERPROOFING THE CHURCH

Waterproofing St. Francis Xavier Cathedral is going well. The left side of the church is finished; cleaning was done by using pressure water and chemicals, as necessary to remove all dirt and grime. Structural cracks have been repaired, bricks patched and repaired, cracks repointed and sealed. Windows have been re-caulked and reglazed and window frames painted.

Work is now being done on the right side of the building. Once work is finished there, repairs will be made at the rear of the church, then the bell tower and the front brick deck. Everybody is working well together, and the project is moving smoothly. — Msgr. Ferguson.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 3 - 9

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer, invitation, and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

VOCATIONS PANEL – NOVEMBER 6

Any youth or young adult who is either discerning or wants to know more about priestly and religious vocations is invited to a Vocations Panel hosted at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Cottonport on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 5:15 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The evening begins with Mass, followed by a men/women breakout session, and then concludes with a meet and greet. The evening will have presentations from diocesan priests and men and women from different religious communities in Louisiana.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS (BLUE MASS) NOV. 8 AT 12:05 P.M.

Our annual "Blue Mass" will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday, November 8 at 12:05 p.m. The "Blue Mass" is so named because of the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers. We remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty and those currently serving. This Mass gives the community an opportunity to show gratitude for those who serve so courageously. **Please note that the public is invited to attend.**

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE – NOVEMBER 9 – 10

The Cathedral Altar Society will have their Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on November 9, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 10. Donations of bakes goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, November 9 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each Weekend Mass. **Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your Contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.**

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Names of your loved ones who have died can be listed on the All-Souls Day envelopes available in the pews, and at all of the entrances to the church. **They can be placed in the collection basket for remembrance throughout the month of November.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes are placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank to help provide food for

Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 24th.

VIRTUS TRAINING – NOVEMBER 6

There will be a Virtus training session on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org. **NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.**

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM SILENT RETREAT – NOV. 7 - 10

In a retreat surrounded by the quiet of nature, you will be encouraged to listen in prayer to the voice of God speaking to your heart. Come to Maryhill Renewal Center for a weekend of silent reflection and prayer, each retreatant is provided a private room and an individual Spiritual Director who will guide the weekend reflections using the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This is a directed silent retreat. Cost is \$275. For more information, contact Ingrid at inewell@yahoo.com or 318-792-3331; Joan at jdobard@gmail.com or 318-490-1385; Nicki at forevercatholic820@gmail.com or 318-447-6383.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND NOVEMBER 2 & 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, November 2 & Sunday, November 3. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: November 3 – November 9

Dorothy Brown, Elizabeth Cameron, Carly Jo Desselle, Joseph Hunter, Rainer John Mission, Phillip Paige, Caitlin Pearce, Alyssa Renee Prevot, Joshua Travis, Kitty Wallace, Sammie White, Rev. Paul LaPalme, Nov. 3, Rev. Wade DeCoste, Nov. 3

NECROLOGY: November 3 – November 9

Rev. Louis J. Gagnard	+Nov. 3, 2008
Msgr. M. Paul Nothofer	+Nov. 7, 1956
Rev. Lawrence Anthony Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas Frederick Early	+Nov. 8, 2004

FOR OUR MILITARY

If members of your family have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please let us know, and we will place their names for prayer in the church bulletin. Please call the church secretary at telephone 445-1451, ext. 14, or you may email her at aryder@parish.diocesealex.org.

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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